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### **JAEGER REPORTS VOTER TURNOUT EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS**

**Bismarck, ND** – Voter turnout in Tuesday's statewide general election exceeded expectations according to Secretary of State Al Jaeger.

With 100% of the state's 666 precincts reporting by 9:00 a.m., Wednesday morning, unofficial tallies showed that just over 236,000 eligible voters turned out to vote in yesterday's statewide general election. This translates into a voter turnout of just over 49%, surpassing Jaeger's prediction, marking an increase of 3% over two years ago.

Based upon reports from the state's county auditors in the days preceding the election, Jaeger anticipated better participation than in the last off-presidential election occurring in 1998. Jaeger predicted a turnout of approximately 48% of the voting age population.

"I am pleased with yesterday's turnout and how the election process went," said Jaeger. "All indications point to a very smooth election."

Jaeger credits yesterday's slightly higher turnout to the lottery and youth incentive measures that appeared on the ballot along with some competitive legislative and county races across the state.

Over the course of the next two weeks, Jaeger's office will be receiving the official election returns from the state's county auditors following the meetings of the county canvassing boards. The county canvassing boards will be meeting between Friday, November 8 and Tuesday, November 12. The results from yesterday's general election will be made official after Jaeger convenes the State Canvassing Board on Thursday, November 21.

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